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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application No. 09/992,511
Filing Date November 5, 2001
First Named Inventor David L. Rabbers, et al.
Art Unit 2144
Examiner Name Michael A. Delgado
Attorney Docket No. 005306.P047

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** – Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
 - iv. ☒ Other additional fees not covered by the enclosed check.
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type) Marina Portnova Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 45,750
Signature *M. Portnova* Date December 7, 2005

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2005**

Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) \$790.00

Complete if Known:

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify)☐ Deposit AccountDeposit Account Number : 02-2666

Deposit Account Name: _____

☒ The Director is Authorized to do the following with respect to the above-identified Deposit Account:☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below.☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) during the pendency of this application.☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below except for the filing fee☒ Credit any overpayments.☒ Any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time should be treated as incorporating an appropriate petition for extension of time and all required fees should be charged.

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description		Fees Paid (\$)
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)			
1011	300	2011	150	Utility application filing fee	} 1,000/500	<u>\$00.00</u>
1111	500	2111	250	Utility search fee		<u>\$00.00</u>
1311	200	2311	100	Utility examination fee		<u>\$00.00</u>
1012	200	2012	100	Design application filing fee	} 430/215	_____
1112	100	2112	50	Design search fee		_____
1312	130	2312	65	Design examination fee		_____
1013	200	2013	100	Plant filing fee	} 660/330	_____
1113	300	2113	150	Plant search fee		_____
1313	160	2313	80	Plant examination fee		_____
1004	300	2004	150	Reissue filing fee	} 1,400/700	_____
1114	500	2114	250	Reissue search fee		_____
1314	600	2314	300	Reissue examination fee		_____
1005	200	2005	100	Provisional application filing fee		_____
SUBTOTAL (1)						<u>\$ 00.00</u>

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

		<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Total Claims	<u>56</u>	- 20 or 60 =	X \$50.00	= 00.00
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20				
Independent Claims	<u>8</u>	- 3 or 8 =	X \$200.00	= 00.00
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3				
Multiple Dependent Claims				
Large Entity				
Fee	Fee			
Code	(\$)			
1202	50			
1201	200			
1203	360			
1204	200			
1205	50			
Small Entity				
Fee	Fee			
Code	(\$)			
2202	25			
2201	100			
2203	180			
2204	100			
2205	25			
<u>Fee Description</u>				
Each claim over 20				
Each independent claim over 3				
Multiple dependent claims, if not paid				
Reissue: each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent				
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			SUBTOTAL (2)	\$ 00.00

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each add'l 50 or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fees paid (\$)</u>
<u> </u>	- 100 =	<u> </u> / 50 = <u> </u> (round up to whole number)	X \$250.00	<u> </u>
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Fee	Fee			
Code	(\$)			
1081	250			
1082	250			
1083	250			
1084	250			
Small Entity				
Fee	Fee			
Code	(\$)			
2081	125			
2082	125			
2083	125			
2084	125			
<u>Fee Description: Application size fee for each additional group of 50 sheets beyond initial 100 sheets (count spec & drawings except sequences & program listings):</u>				
Utility				
Design				
Plant				
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

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